

**REMARKS**

Claims 5-15 and 31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 6 are amended. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

**I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 5, 7-9, 12, 14, 15 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0050679 (Shigeta); claims 6, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shigeta in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,473,088 (Matsumoto); and claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shigeta in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0110244 (Mondal). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 5 recites that the window area information generator re-divides the display screen of the display according to the number of the terminals to be displayed when the number of the terminals is connected to the display is changed.

Shigeta fails to at least disclose this feature. Instead, Shigeta discloses that the number of apparatuses connected to the display is fixed. Furthermore, Shigeta does not consider adding a new apparatus or deleting any of the apparatuses already connected to the display.

Matsumoto and/or Mondal fail to at least cure the above noted deficiency of Shigeta.

For the foregoing reasons, the features of claim 5 are not taught or suggested by Shigeta, or any combination of Shigeta, Matsumoto and Mondal. Accordingly, claim 5, as well as claims 6-15 and 31 dependent therefrom, are not rendered obvious by the applied references.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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